--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Division Open - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/5th pound - lithographed in BLACK ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

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John McKay records that 890,173 lithographed copies of "1-5th Black, old, Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

John McKay further records that 3,836 lithographed copies of "1/5 lb. Black Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). These were listed in the last section of the 4th Contract, which mainly outlines the strips delivered for destruction in 1888.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	890,173
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	3,836
	894,009

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	468
Hamilton Division	2,670
Montreal Division	131,623
Montreal Division - M 13	none
Quebec Division	128,983
Toronto Division	10,501
Toronto Division - C 13	5,732
Windsor Division	109,103
Windsor Division - G 13	7,047
	396,227

The catalogue lists the 1/5 pound, black, Division Open, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-7 - 1/5 pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-7n - 1/5th pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - a remnant strip

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The following *imperforate* strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/5th pound, black, *imperforate*, Division Open, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - an unfinished remnant strip

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Lee Brandom lists the 1/5th pound black Division "Open" strip on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, with 5 mm. light blue control numbers. This *was not* a production item, and will be listed in a "Supplement". It is a variant of **RP-7**. It was probably a specialty item for a Philatelic Exhibition in the early 1880's, or was presented as a favour to a philatelist.

--- RP-7 - 1/5th pound - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RP-7 - 1/5th pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **000427**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

000413	RP-7	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000421	RP-7	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000422	RP-7	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000423-24	RP-7	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000427★	RP-7	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000468	RP-7	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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Black strips were for use on products manufactured in Canada from *imported* tobacco.

Green strips were for use on tobacco products manufactured in Canada from *domestic* tobacco. To obtain a 'green' license a company had to maintain a separate 'green' manufacturing facility.

Red strips were used on products manufactured in Canada for *warehousing*, to temporarily defer the excise tax.

Blue strips were for "Customs" usage, reserved for use on *imported pre-manufactured* products.

The excise duty on ***foreign leaf*** was 20¢ per pound under the Budget of 1883: thus after 1883

1/20th pound	1¢ per strip	1/10th pound	2¢ per strip
1/5th pound	4¢ per strip	1/4th pound	5¢ per strip
1/2 pound	10¢ per strip	1 pound	20¢ per strip

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